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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of the documents cited and required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 are enclosed.

The documents cited herein were cited in the June 11, 2009, Office Action issued in co-pending, commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/573,681 (U.S. Publication No. 2007-0095169), which application contains similar subject matter. Applicants also note that U.S. Patent No. 5,199,974 to Fugelberg was cited in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed July 10, 2009, in the subject application.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), Applicant certifies that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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